

**REMARKS**

Claim 1 has been amended to more clearly recite that one of the segments of the extruder has an inlet for receiving a base material comprising at least one component of a thermosetting powder coating composition; and that the extruder includes a source of the base material in flow communication with the inlet; a source of one or more hard to incorporate particulate additives; and an additive injector in flow communication with the source of hard to incorporate particulate additives for injecting the one or more hard to incorporate particulate additives into at least one segment at an injection position at the inlet or between the inlet and the outlet. Claim 1 has also been amended to recite that the injector comprises means for maintaining the pressure in the low pressure vessel less than about 100 PSI when the hard to incorporate particulate additives are injected into the at least one segment containing the base material. Basis for the amended claim language is provided in the specification, for example, in paragraph [0009] and the figure.

It is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance.  
Accordingly, an early Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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